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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE UPDATE - WAR CRIMES CASES

REF: A. MOSCOW 19090 NOTAL, B. STATE 292958, C. STATE  
206431, D. MOSCOW 19125 NOTAL

1. IF ASKED, YOU MAY ACKNOWLEDGE TO PRESS RECEIPT OF LETTERS DESCRIBED REF A, BUT FOR PRIVACY AND DUE PROCESS CONSIDERATIONS, EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DECLINE TO COMMENT OR PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR SPECIFIC CASE NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION IN THE US. IF JOURNALISTS ASK ABOUT THE CASES IN WHICH PROCEEDINGS HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THEY HAVE THEIR WASHINGTON OFFICES QUERY INS.

2. YOU MAY CONFIRM TO PRESS THAT TO DATE WE HAVE ASKED THE SOVIETS FOR EVIDENCE IN 20 CASES, AND RECEIVED MATERIAL

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3. IF ASKED, YOU MAY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ALERTING THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT (PER REF B) THAT WE MAY BE ASKING WITNESSES TO COME TO THE US TO TESTIFY IN ONE OF THE CASES, BUT YOU SHOULD DECLINE TO IDENTIFY THE CASE.

4. EMBASSY MAY ALSO CONTINUE TO REFER TO PREVIOUS PRESS GUIDANCE (REF C). ROBINSON

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